

Remarks

Claims 23, 24, 26-35, and 40-51 are pending in the application. Claims 23, 24, 26-35, and 40-51 are rejected. Claims 26, 27, 31-34, 40 and 47-49 are amended herein. Claims 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, 43, and 50-51 are cancelled herein. No new matter is added. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 23, 24, 26-35, and 40-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Regarding claims 26 and 40, “communication interface device” is amended to “network interface device” according to the Examiner’s suggestion. Also, the amendments clarify that is the network that allows the connection to the network. The element reciting a configuration integrity check is also amended to clarify that it is indeed performed prior to allowing a network connection.

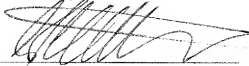
Claims 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, 43, and 50-51 are cancelled, either as redundant or unnecessary.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,
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